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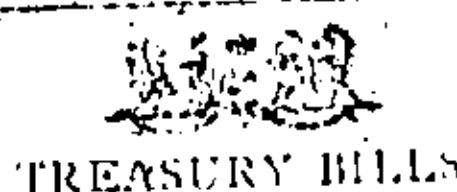
NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in and Subscribers to the CITY HALL will be held at 4 o'clock P.M. TO-MORROW, the 1st day of May, 1900, in the ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

F. B. L. BOWLEY,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [556b]



TREASURY BILLS.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE, MEXICAN DOLLARS, Current in this Colony, and weighing 7.125 in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the London Commission of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Cashier, Officer in Charge, H.M. Treasury Chest, until 11 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, 1900.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £500.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate and to be sealed covers, addressed to the Officer in Charge, H.M. Treasury Chest, and enclosed "Tenders for Treasury Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

E. H. GORGES, Colonel,

T. C. Officer, China.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office,

Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [557b]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above port, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAUREN & Co.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [554b]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

The Company's New Steamship

"Captain Blaxland," will be despatched for the above port, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [553b]

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"LION,"

Captain Thompson, will be despatched for the above port, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Agents,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [510b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"

Captain Benson, will be despatched for the above port, on THURSDAY, the 3rd May, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [548b]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

The Steamship

"AIRLIE,"

Captain George, will be despatched for the above port, on SATURDAY, the 5th May, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Agents,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [553b]

THE OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, ANJOY AND TAMSUI.

The Company's Steamship

"TAMSUI MARU,"

Captain K. Sobajima, will be despatched for the above ports, on SUNDAY, the 6th May, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Agents,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [45]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR ILOILO.

The Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"

Captain Sales, will be despatched for the above port, on TUESDAY, the 8th May, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [558b]

TELEGRAMS.

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

SULU AND THE UNITED STATES. THE SULTAN DISSATISFIED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LARIAN, April 30th.

The Sultan of Sulu has arrived here on his way to Singapore. The object of his visit is said to be to solicit England's aid for the purpose of remedying the abuses of the Americans in the Sulu Archipelago in imposing customs duties in defiance of the Protocol of 1877.

Received at 9.30 a.m.

Published at 10.15 a.m.

THE DOWAGER'S FAVOURITE EUNUCH DIES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENSTIN, April 30th.

The death of Li, the Empress Dowager's favourite eunuch, is reported.

Received at 5 p.m.

Published at 5.30 p.m.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

GENERAL METHUEN.

LONDON, April 27th.

General Methuen is still at Boshof where the enemy is opposing him. The Boers seem to be midway between Boshof and Kimberley.

COL. IAN HAMILTON.

Col. Ian Hamilton has expelled the enemy from a strong position at Israel'sport by a well conceived turning movement and is now advancing towards Tlabaneh.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO IRELAND.

HONOURS LIST.

Baronets have been conferred on the Mayors of Dublin and Belfast, and the Mayors of Cork and Londonderry have been knighted.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN CANADA.

HULL LAID WASTE.

A great fire has taken place at Hull opposite Ottawa, and only the Cathedral and twenty houses remain in Hull. The fire crossed the river to Ottawa where a huge number of sheds, factories, foundries and 2,000 dwellings were destroyed. Many thousands have been rendered homeless and the damage amounts to upwards of £2,000,000.

THE WAR.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES WARREN.

LONDON, April 28th.

Sir Charles Warren has been appointed Governor of Grianland West.

THE BOER RETREAT.

The Times correspondent at Bloemfontein, 26th, says there is little chance of inflicting effective punishment on the fleeing commandoes.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

Lord Roberts reports from Bloemfontein, 27th inst, that General French has reached Tlabaneh with cavalry and met Generals Ian Hamilton and Smith Dorrien's brigades there. The enemy is still holding the eastern outlet of the town, from which Generals French and Hamilton are proceeding to expel them. General Buller is eight miles to the south of Tlabaneh.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

On the 29th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen in Japan, fallen on the China coast, and there are indications of a depression in N. China. Gradients slight for E. winds in S. China. FORECAST:—Moderate E. winds; fair.

On the 30th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen slightly on the China coast, except in the South. Pressure remains high over Japan. Gradients slight for E. winds in S. China. Moderate N.E. monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—Moderate E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We hear that the contract for the Jubilee Hospital has been signed and that work on the site on Barker Road will be commenced immediately.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Charles Henry Gave to be Assistant Engineer to the Public Works Department.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Captain The Honourable Henry Water Trevellick, Scots Guards, to be Acting Aide-de-Camp until further notice.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ended 29th April are—

	Library.	Museum.
Non-Chinese	416	231
Chinese	163	2,297
Totals	579	2,528

The return of deaths in the colony for the month of March shows that 23 of the European and foreign community died, 18 from the civil population and five from the military, while deaths among the Chinese amounted to 503, including 366 in Victoria (of which 124 were in No. 2 District), and 43 in the Harbour. Chief among the causes of death were cholera, including five from the European and foreign community.

The Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of the colony for 1899 shows that the estimated population was 259,310. The births were 1,132, and deaths 6,181, of which 1,434 were from plague. The birth-rate was 4.3 per 1,000 as against 4.7 in 1898; the death-rate 2.39 per 1,000 as against 2.73 in 1898. The death rates of the different races were—Whites 1.25 per 1,000 (162 in 1898); coloured 2.83 (336 in 1898); Chinese 24.4 (2255 in 1898), the increased mortality being due to plague.

A regular meeting of the "Lion and Rose" Lodge took place on the 27th inst. at the Club rooms, 10, Queen's Road Central. Business:—Monthly election, during which the following officers were elected:—City Marshall, Bro. Madar, C. Tyler Bro. George, C. Constable Bro. Drausfield, C. Chamberlain Bro. Harris, C. Registrar Bro. Sumner, A. of Benevolence P. Roberts, C. Taster Bro. Howard, C. Physician Bro. Monaghan. (Owing to the indisposition of the City Marshall there was no harmony, and the lodge closed early. Any buffaloes visiting the colony are cordially invited to attend these meetings which are held at the above-rooms every Friday at 8 p.m.)

Gambling is to be suppressed in the New Territory it is high time that a police station was established at Tsin Wan. Yesterday there were several tables placed in the main street of the village at which the games of *fai-hoo* and *po-cho* were in full swing. On the appearance of three Europeans on the scene the gamblers were in full flight, but quickly resumed their game when they discovered that it was not a police raid. The fact of the men bolting on the advent of Europeans serves to show that they were well aware that they were breaking the law. We wonder if the elders of Tsin Wan have reported the matter to the Police, or if, as is not unlikely, they wink at gambling for a consideration. Tsin Wan is patrolled from Yau mai Station so police visits must be few and far between.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Lau Wai Chum	\$50
Ho Ngok Lou	50
Rev. R. F. Cobbold	25
W. J. Saunders	25
Linstead and Davies	25
A. R. Marty	25
N. Nevegha & Co.	25
C. J. dos Remedios & Co.	25
Sheehan Jones & Co.	25
H. M. H. Nemaee	25
Kruse & Co.	25
Dr. Gerlach	20
Hon. Wei Yik	20
Hon. W. Meigh Goodman	15
C. and B.	15
E. Fabany	10
C. Fenwick & Co.	10
Ho Fook	10
Kelly & Walsh	10
Capt. C. V. Lloyd	10
W. Hutton Potts	10
H. N. Mody	10
Lutgens Einmann & Co.	10
N. Mody & Co.	10
Talati & Co.	10
Miss Rose Mackenzie	5

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A general meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held in the Chamber's Room at the City Hall, to-day.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman (Mr. R. M. Gray) read a letter from the Hon. J. H. Whitehead, the Government granting leave to the Hon. J. H. Whitehead and asking for the election of a substitute at the Chamber's earliest convenience.

The Hon. J. J. Keswick, after paying a high tribute of praise to Mr. Whitehead said he had pleasure in proposing Mr. Herbert Smith, the head of the firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, who, on account of his clearness of mind and business capabilities was a fit and proper person to represent them on the Legislative Council.

The Chairman, in seconding the nomination of Mr. Smith, said he had great pleasure in doing so, as it was undoubted that Mr. Smith took great interest in all matters pertaining to the Chamber. No other member being nominated, the election of Mr. Smith was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith thanked the members for his election and for the kind remarks made by Mr. Keswick and the Chairman, which he deserved indifferently, but he would do his utmost to uphold the interests of this influential Chamber. He was elected to look after commercial matters and he would therefore confine himself to these subjects and hoped to deserve the confidence placed in him.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Smith on his election and said the meeting was finished.

GENERAL MEETING.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman, before proceeding with his address, confirmed the minutes of the last meeting. He then reviewed the whole business of the Chamber during the previous year speaking on subjects which are of vital interest to the Colony.

No gentlemen wishing to address the meeting, the Chairman proposed and Mr. Richard seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed the confirmation of the election of the fifteen new members who had joined during the year.

Mr. Herbert Smith seconded.

Carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were elected to act on the Committee of the Chamber, Messrs. R. M. Gray, Chairman, J. J. Keswick, Vice-Chairman, A. Haupt, N. A. Stubs, Herbert Smith, C. S. Sharp, R. J. Richardson, H. M. Bevis, and A. M. Marshall.

A full report of the Chairman's speech, which was very lengthy, will be given to-morrow.

PRESENTATION TO A MOST POPULAR SCHOOLMASTER.

To-day, at noon, an address by past and present schoolmasters was presented to Dr. Bateson Wright, on his departure for England on a years leave, in the Central Hall of Queen's College. The address, which was transcribed on vellum and illuminated, was presented by the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, before making the presentation, said he had been requested by the Chinese masters and pupils, past and present from the old Government Central School on their behalf to make this presentation. The wording of the address was not of the usual laudatory and flowery order but still expressed heartfelt sentiments, without the exaggeration and empty words usual to this class of address. He had been asked to represent the members of the Chinese Community in this Colony who had benefited in the past by this important government institution.

Queen's College, by Dr. Wright's labours, had supplied not only mercantile and government offices with clerks and translators but had even provided them for the Chinese Government and the Customs. The magnitude of the task had been very great and had met with unvarying success. Dr. Wright had had to overcome many difficulties and by his skill had earned their admiration and esteem. When he first came from England it was to the old Central School. He had a very hard task there, as his predecessor was a gentleman who by his great ability and indefatigable working had brought the school up to a high standard of efficiency. Dr. Wright had not only maintained this high standard but had even improved upon it. This address was a written testimony of the great esteem and respect in which Dr. Wright was held by the Chinese assistant masters for his great kindness. On behalf of the boys he was asked to express their gratitude for his extraordinary kindness and sympathy which he had shown to them during their toil and troubles at school, by which he had made himself regarded more as a friend than as a severe taskmaster.

Dr. Wright had many friends amongst all classes of residents in this Colony who were having a piece of silk embroidered which, work of art, took time to finish, when completed it would be forwarded to England for his kind acceptance. Dr. Ho Kai concluded his remarks with the wish that Dr. and Mrs. Wright would have a pleasant voyage and stay in England and would return with renewed vigour to carry on the noble work. He then called upon Mr. Cheung Choi to read the address which was as follows:—

To G. H. Bateson Wright, Esq., D.D.,

Queen's College,

Hongkong.

Sir,—On the occasion of your approaching departure from the Colony, we, the Chinese Masters and Pupils, Past and Present, of the old Government Central School and Queen's College, feel that we cannot allow you to leave us without expressing to you our great appreciation of your indefatigable labours in Hongkong in the cause of Education.

Briefly reviewing your career in this Island of Hongkong, we remember that on your arrival in 1882 you were Acting Inspector of Schools as well as Head Master of the old Central School. The Central School was found to be too small to accommodate the increasing number of students, and in its stead was reared the palatial structure, the Queen's College, where the good work begun and carried on in the old building has been continued with distinguished success. The number of pupils has more than doubled during the period of your Headmastership, and every year large numbers of Chinese youths leave the College well equipped for the battle of life.

The Hon. J. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, has publicly stated that he not only has for the educated Chinese whom he was able to employ when the New Territory was taken over last year, the Government would have found itself in serious difficulties; and in every part of China, but especially in this Colony of Hongkong and in Canton, is spread an army of well-educated and flourishing Chinese men who owe their success in life to the training they received at your hands. In order to assist the pupils in their studies, you prepared a number of books which have been welcomed near and far for their sound educational value, and the Oxford Local Examinations which you have fostered here have been a great factor in the scholastic life of the Colony.

To your subordinates in the College you have ever been helpful and polite and to them also as well as to the pupils, you have been not only a dignified superior and a learned master, but the kindest and most sympathetic of friends.

You are now about to proceed to England to enjoy a well earned holiday, and we trust that Mrs. Wright and yourself will return to us with renewed health and vigour; and that you will long be spared to preside over Queen's College, which for the last eighteen years you have directed so wisely and so well.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(The address was signed by over 150 representative of past and present scholars.)

Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Ho Kai and those present for the very kind manner in which they had shown their appreciation of his labours. They must remember that he was a public servant and as such had only done his duty. He could not have had such success without the assistance of his Chinese masters. His annual reports, he has always testified to the great support they had always given him. He had been particularly fortunate in the masters he had had under him. It was wonderful how they had been able to keep up their supply of masters; this they had not only been able to do but to supply other institutions as well. In England they had proper institutions for the training of masters; here they had to rely on boys showing special aptitude for the work from the first class. The kind remarks made by Dr. Ho Kai would greatly stimulate him and he most sincerely hoped with them that he would be permitted to return to them with renewed vigour to carry on the work.

Dr. Ho Kai then called for three cheers and a "Gig" for Dr. and Mrs. Wright and the proceedings terminated.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

There was a small attendance at the Range on Saturday for the Weekly Spoon Competition, only ten members competing. The scoring was well up to the average. At the close of the Competition, Mr. Pidgeon, a promising shot, compiled a possible "out of ten shots at the 600 yards range."

SCORES.

	100	200	300	400	500	600	Total
C.S.M. Wallace, R.E.	30	35	30	—	—	—	95
F. Penning	29	29	24	—	—	—	82
I. Pidgeon	32	27	23	—	—	—	82
O.M. St. West, R.E.	32	27	23	—	—	—	82
J. Cramer, R.N.	31	24	27	—	—	—	82
M.S. Northcote	32	23	26	—	—	—	81
Serge Blair	29	30	25	—	—	—	84

* Winner of Spoon.

VICTORIA BATHING CLUB.

The second annual general meeting of members of the Victoria Bathing Club was held at the club's premises at Taiwan, last Saturday evening.

The following gentlemen were present:—Messrs. M. J. Patel, Mr. Almy, S. L. Egan, F. Gomes, W. Moore, J. M. Masters, S. D. Kierwall, R. B. Cooper, J. R. Burgess, W. Parkinson, B. D. Tata and Jas. Edwards (Secretary).

The President being unavoidably absent, Mr. Burgess was elected to the chair.

The first question decided was brought up by the Chairman who said that last year the question of allowing dogs on the launch and club premises had been a sore one. After a long discussion it was finally decided that dogs should be allowed, provided that their owners should accept the responsibility of their good behaviour.

The Chairman then asked for comments on the previous year's accounts which he said were most satisfactory.

Mr. F. Gomes complimented the club on their sound and flourishing condition and proposed that the accounts should be passed. Mr. Patel seconded and the proposition was passed unanimously.

The question of entrance fees was then brought forward; the Chairman said that last year many members resigned at the end of the bathing season. The servants' wages, rent and taxes, however, continued during the winter and he thought that 50 cents per month during the seven months was not a sum at all out of proportion to the amount of pleasure that they received during the other five months. He advocated the establishing of an entrance fee above, or equal to, the amount paid by members who had stuck by the club all the year round.

It was proposed that this fee should be \$5 and the Visiting Members fee be done away with. The Kowloon members, not using the launch should only pay \$2. After some discussion it was decided that the entrance fee should be \$2, the members who resigned last year having to pay the same amount.

The following gentlemen were elected as a committee of management for the ensuing year:—Messrs. M. J. Patel, F. Gomes, J. R. Burgess, S. D. Kierwall, W. Moore, with Mr. Jas. Edwards to act as secretary.

It was then decided that the launch should start running on the 15th proximo.

The meeting concluded by a vote of thanks being proposed by Mr. Masters and carried

Mr. G. H. Potts's Tocsin, 1st 11th.

Mr. P. A. Cox 1

Mr. G. H. Potts's Demon King, 1st 11th.

Mr. Gresson 2

Mr. Johnson's Yellow Dwarf, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Unique Rose, 1st 11th.

Mr. Hart Buck's Desecrator, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. Anderson's Paradox, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Pedigree, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Capt. Hon. H. W. Trefusis's Kascal, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. Anderson's Paradox, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Lieut. Semple's, Jim Crack, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

A good start was made and the field kept well together the whole distance, the bystanders within ten yards of the winning post declaring it to be a dead-heat between first and second. Yellow Dwarf was a only a neck behind Demon King.

TEXT PRIZING.—Points for pace and style.

Three runs. First prize presented by J. Mackay, Esq., 2nd Prize, Entrance fees.

Entrance fee, \$1.

Captain Bland.

Mr. Johnson 3

Six entries. A very poor exhibition of skill was given, not one competitor being able to carry away the tent peg. Capt. Bland struck it three times but was unable to keep it on his lance. Mr. Johnson struck it twice. Captain Berger was greatly handicapped by his mount, which must have been qualifying for the Royal Engineers, as it sapped its way up to the peg by a zigzag approach.

STEELCHASE.—For all China ponies. Over usual course. Weight for inches as per scale.

Previous winners of any Steelchase, 7 lbs. added. First prize presented by Hon. T. H. Whitehead, 2nd prize, \$50. Entrance fee, \$3.

Mr. Gresson's Corbie, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. Johnson's Wizard, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. G. H. Potts's Demon King, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. Johnson's Landsknecht, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Lieut. Semple's Orinoco, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. Anderson's Sea Fog, 1st 11th.

Mr. Johnson 3

Mr. Anderson's

Mr. Crickshank's Charger, 1st 11th.

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SOCIAL GATHERING OF THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE "C" MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

We, not having the honour to belong to "C" Company, were not able to be present at the dinner, but as we are of opinion that these social gatherings greatly conduce to the popularity of the Volunteers we give it the publicity which it deserves. We are indebted to our morning contemporary for the account.

The first annual dinner in connection with the "C" Machine Gun Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps took place at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night and was a great success. Captain G. H. Potts, officer commanding the unit, occupied the chair, and Lieut. Col. Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G. (Commandant of the Corps), Captain Bland, R. A. (Adjutant of the Corps), and the Hon. R. D. Ormsby (Director of Public Works) attended as guests. Together with Mr. A. Rodger, of East Point, Mr. A. M. Ford, Sergeant Milligan, R. A., and Sergeant Keating, R. A. There were also present Lieut. Underwood, Stewart, and Duncan, Sergeant-Major Rodger, Sergeant King, Smith, and Bevan, and about 30 gunners, etc.

After dinner the programme opened with the toast of "The Queen."

Captain Potts then said he had got a very pleasant duty to perform that night, and that was to make a small presentation to Sergeant Keating, who was with them when the company was first formed. (Hear hear.) They were practically his handiwork. Sergeant Keating started them and put them to the right about, and they all very much regretted that it was really through ill-health that he had to give up being their instructor. (Hear hear.) To show their esteem for him the men without any pushing of all, all having come forward spontaneously, had made up a small token in the way of a gold chain and pendant, the latter having Sergeant Keating's name on it. He hoped that when Sergeant Keating left the colony he would always wear it and remember the formation of "C" company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. They were really only recruits and wanted a lot more drilling. (Hear hear.) Every man in the company was very keen on the work, and there was no question about it that if they went on as they were doing they would soon be at the top. (Applause.)

Sergeant Keating was loudly applauded on rising to acknowledge the gift. He said he wished to thank them sincerely for the present they had made him, a present which he could not say he was entitled to, but which he knew had been given spontaneously by the company. He could only thank every member of the company for what he had done towards it. He was the first instructor to the company, and he was glad to think that they were getting on so well. He had not the least doubt that if they made the same progress in the future which they had made in the past the company would become the best in the Corps. (Hear hear.)

Captain Potts, in proposing "The Visitors," said they did not count Sir John Carrington or Captain Bland as visitors, but they counted Mr. Ormsby as one. Mr. Ormsby was a Volunteer in Ceylon a good many years and retired as a Captain—more honour to him (Hear hear.) At the same time they were trying to get at him for grant of land for shooting. (Applause.)

The Hon. R. D. Ormsby, in responding, said that if they would only point out where the land was which they wanted he would give them his strongest support in their endeavour to secure it. (Hear hear.) Captain Potts then told them that he had done so. Volunteering was a thing every young man should go in for. When he saw them drilling in the office he reminded him of the time he spent with the Volunteers in Ceylon. He began as a private, and then—rather unfortunately for himself—he was picked off into the position of Lieutenant without having gone through all the courses. It was pleasant to find that all the young men in the colony had come forward as Volunteers. It gave one a sense of security in this far distant colony of the British Crown to find so many of the flower of the colony ready to defend the colony against attack. (Applause.)

Sir John Carrington, who was loudly applauded on rising, said that when away in April, 1899, a little over 12 months ago, there was no doubt that the drill season which had just expired had been a very successful one. A few months after he left the colony the Company was fully formed, and when he returned two and a half months ago he found the company going very strongly indeed. He had asked the Sergeant-Major for the figures relating to the company. He found that the establishment of the company was three officers and 38 non-commissioned officers and men. The present strength of the company was four officers and 37 non-commissioned officers and men. The company was formed in May or June of last year, so that really they were not yet 12 months old, and yet as the result of the drill season which had just expired it appeared that there were four officers efficient and 35 of the non-commissioned officers and men. (Hear hear.) He thought Captain Bland, the Adjutant of the Corps, whom they all respected (applause)—and whom they all admired (applause)—would agree with him that that was an excellent report. He would remind them that this was a record to live up to. It was a record not to fall back from. They had their work cut out in the future to maintain the efficiency which they had attained during the past drill season. (Hear hear.)

The company was not quite up to strength, being one man short. It was a good thing not only to be up to strength but to be a little over, because as they knew in the case of a Volunteer unit such as theirs there were always claims on men which prevented them from attending drills now and then, and it was desirable to have some supernumeraries. He would urge them to endeavour to get 15 or more men to join them. It would be in every way a good thing if they could do so. He hoped they would bear that in mind. The drill on a Volunteer unit in Hongkong was very considerable. There were always a good number of men leaving the colony, whether on leave of absence or permanently. Mr. Ormsby said all the young men in the colony were Volunteers. This was not so. There were a good many young men in the colony who might come and join them and they must endeavour to induce them to do so. He hoped that 12 months hence when they had their annual dinner they would have the great satisfaction of being able to congratulate him on the admirable head-quarters he would have provided for the Corps. (Applause.)

Captain Bland, in responding to the toast of "The Army and Navy," said that in regard to "C" Company he was never more surprised than to see the way the company came out in the last examination of non-commissioned officers for efficiency and the way in which the corporals and bombardiers acquitted themselves. (Hear hear.)

Subsequently the prizes which have been competed for during the season were presented, Sergeant Bevan getting the volley-firing prize presented by Lieut. Stewart and Gunner Baldwin the medal to which he was entitled as the winner of the "C" Company Cup.

Several members of the company contributed songs during the evening. Mr. A. M. Farr accompanying.

CHINESE GARDENS IN KOWLOON.

We should like to draw the attention of the Sanitary Board, or whoever it may concern, to the stinks (no other word) emanating from the gardens in Kowloon. The effluvia seems to be especially bad at night, when no doubt the dew makes it hang low over the ground, instead of soaring heavenwards. It simply permeates some of the English residents' houses near the gardens, rendering it impossible to keep windows open on some particularly bad nights. If the way, there is a special Sewage Commission appointed now in England. Why don't they send a member or two over here to learn something of the Chinese methods of sewage disposal and farming? At home they have great difficulty in getting rid of sewage and they would have every opportunity here to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest sewage and operations connected therewith.

There is not much of the poets' "delicious smell of the freshly turned earth" about the ploughing or other agricultural employments of the Chinese husbandman.

THE CITY HALL.

This following is the report to be submitted to the annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall, to be held at 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 1st of May.

The last annual meeting was held on the 23rd January, 1899.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF.

Since the last meeting the Hon. J. J. Keswick has returned to the colony and has resumed his post of Chairman on the departure of the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving. The Committee have to report with much regret the loss sustained by the sudden death of Mr. H. L. Dalrymple, who had been a member of the Committee for 20 years. Mr. H. E. Pollock has been appointed to fill the vacancy. The Committee now consists of the Hon. J. J. Keswick (Chairman), Messrs. H. N. Mody, R. Layton (Hon. Treasurer), N. A. Siebs, and H. E. Pollock. Mr. H. L. Dalrymple (Secretary, &c.) went home on leave in June.

THE STATE OF THE BUILDING.

The building was thoroughly inspected by the Architects, Messrs. Palmer and Turner, in October, 1899, and they report all the main timbers to be in a sound condition. Some subsidiary timbers principally in the verandahs had to be renewed on account of the attacks of white ants, and one of the small domes required extensive repairs from the same cause.

The whole of the exterior of the building has been scraped and colour-washed and all the venetians repaired and varnished at a total cost of \$1,000 (including architect's fees). This expenditure falls into the present year's account.

The expenditure on repairs during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1899, amounted to \$1,938.66, including \$200 other rooms were the alterations in the Theatre referred to in the last report, to which the Amateur Dramatic Club contributed a similar sum.

The interior of the Theatre, the halls, staircases and entrance halls will soon require to be re-decorated.

Owing to the heavy expenditure on alterations and repairs during the year ending June 30th, 1899, the year's expenses exceed the receipts by a small sum.

USE OF THE THEATRE, ETC.

During the twelve months from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899, the Theatre was engaged by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, the School of Speech and Drama, the Dramatic Company of H.M.S. "Powerful," the "Theatricals," and others. The St. Andrew's Hall was used for concerts and musical entertainments and the Ball Room was let for several balls. The St. Andrew's Hall and the Ball Room were as usual placed at the disposal of educational and charitable establishments for examinations, prize distributions and bazaars, free of charge.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

A fine portrait of Her Majesty the Queen has, through the generosity of Sir Thomas Jackson, who presented the picture to the Hongkong community, been placed in St. George's Hall.

The portrait was unveiled by H.E. the Governor at the St. Andrew's Ball on 30th November, 1899, in the presence of one of Her Majesty's grandsons, H.R.H. Prince Henry of Prussia and the other guests of the St. Andrew's Society, and it now adds greatly to the appearance of the hall.

THE LIBRARY.

The proprietors of the Government Gazette, the Daily Press, the China Mail, the Hongkong Telegraph, and the Eastern Daily Press have to be thanked for continuing to supply their journals gratis to the Library. Sir John Carrington, Col. Wheeler, Dr. Doberck, and Messrs. Figg and H. L. Denny have kindly contributed books to the Library, to which Mr. H. L. Denny has also lent over 200 volumes dealing with China and the Chinese. The Hongkong Club has supplied back numbers of the Times, and Mr. H. A. Allen "Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper," copies of fifty-nine volumes published in Hongkong have been supplied by Government, of these the majority are educational or devotional pamphlets in Chinese or Latin, published by the various missions in Hongkong.

About 7,000 persons visited the Library during the twelve months under review. The Library is now open until 11 p.m. free to all nationalities every day of the week except Sunday, and is likely to prove a convenience to many people. Mr. Pollock and other friends have to be thanked for books and pamphlets contributed by them. Mr. Pollock has also generously promised to contribute a sum of \$50 towards the purchase of standard works for the Library.

THE MUSEUM.

The Museum has been kept up as usual, want of funds and space preventing its development or improvement. The Hon. E. R. Bellios, Capt. Chichester, R.N., Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. C. Ford, Eichardt, Col. Drury, Bryer, Edwards, Moussey, Cattaneo, H. Denny, Bertie Sayer, James Mitchell, Wai Tsi Sing and Wong Kam Fook and Miss Barker have to be thanked for presenting or lending various interesting specimens, including an Insurgent's cannon from the Philippine Islands, an antelope and numerous birds and snakes. An Atlas moth, kindly presented by Capt. Hall, produced a large family, which is carefully reared in the Museum and resulted in the addition of a number of fine specimens. During the year 9,462 Europeans, Americans, and other non-Chinese, and 111,076 Chinese, visited the Museum.

ACCOUNTS.

The balance in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer on 30th July, 1899, when the accounts up to 30th June, 1899, were closed, was \$1,705.53, as appears by the accounts; showing a loss on the year's working of \$35.68. There is also a reserve fund consisting of \$1,621.69 on fixed deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, including interest up to 24th June, 1899.

The total receipts show a falling off from the previous year owing to the smallness of the number of travelling companies visiting the colony.

J. J. KESWICK, Chairman, City Hall Committee.

AMOY AND SWATOW.

THE RETURN JOURNEY.

(Communicated.)

The fog which had been our constant attendant all the way up the coast still kept us company and delayed our entrance into Amoy for several hours. This time I was very much more favourably impressed with the city, or rather the trade of it, quite a number of English ships lying in the stream. In my last letter from this port I mentioned that there is only one British firm that did not still adhere to the old conservatism. I found, however, another one, Messrs. N. Moale & Co., who are showing a great deal of business acumen, having started a soda-water factory and ice manufacturing plant. Business is very much handicapped in Amoy by the European settlement being situated in an old Chinese built ground, and so it is very difficult to get to land on which to build, the Chinese having an extremely high idea of *fung-shui* and wherever a house is proposed to be built this *fung-shui* is trotted out and three times the value of the land asked. For this reason Messrs. Moale & Co. have been obliged to locate their factories apart and in consequence have to utilize two separate sets of power machinery. The soda-water plant is situated just by a wall that is famous all round the coast for the purity and goodness of its water, the manufactured article therefore is of a very high quality. There is a complaint I heard in Amoy which I think deserves consideration by the Naval Authorities, namely, the difference with which the German firms are treated to that meted out to the British. Competition is excessive at these ports and a small windfall such as the Admiralty's national warranty is most acceptable. With the Germans a cruiser came in and stopped seven or eight German firms all that time supplying her with different commodities and so receiving a nice helping hand. With the British a gunboat comes and orders bread and meat to be delivered in half an hour and then off she goes again. I was informed by the firm supplying the bread, that the residents of Amoy had to go short for breakfast that day. It may be answered that the British have bigger fish to fry than these small towns, but it must be remembered that these coast towns are actually the outposts of trade and if they cannot hold their own against foreign competition our trade in China will very soon diminish. No good general ever neglects his outposts and surely we have enough ships to pay a periodical visit to these ports and encourage them a bit.

While I was in Amoy I had the pleasure of witnessing a performance given at the Amoy Club Theatre by the local talent. It will be seen by the appended programme that the artists have a very keen sense of humour in choosing their names as aspirants for histrionic laurels. These assumed names, however, were not sufficient to hide their identity. The play selected for presentation was a comedy written by Mr. S. Theyre Smith entitled "Which is Which?"

As the names implies, the story hinges on the individuality of a certain person, to which a spinster. The hero is poor and naturally falls in love with a young lady and it is just as natural that his rich uncle should want him to marry some one else; the latter had plenty of the root of all evil by the minus sign. Two ladies come to his lodgings and young Capper has just made up his mind not to obey his uncle and have love instead of riches when he finds out he has made a mistake. The piece is a simple one but the dialogue is smart and the situations comic. Miss, the landlady, caused much amusement by her constant interference under the pretext of being desirous to do in the apartment in which the young people were assembled. Robert Capper is not a very difficult part to play as a nos young man in the East is in a chronic state of debt and so would come to his natural end many, the part was extremely well played by Mr. Kell. I hope I shall not be thought unkind when I say that quite a few of his expressions seemed to be taken from personal experiences, they were given so naturally. The remaining members of the Company took their parts very well and if there had been more leading parts no doubt would have filled them with equal merit.

"WHICH IS WHICH."

CHARACTERS.

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Miss Gargle (A rich spinster)..... Mr. Dan Leno

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PUBLIC LECTURE.

THE Undersigned will read a Paper on "SOME SERIOUS LOCAL PROBLEMS AND A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THEM," at the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at 5.15 P.M.
A Discussion on the above Subject will follow.
Ladies are invited and the Meeting is Open to the Public.
The Honorable F. H. MAY, C.M.G., will take the Chair.
HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary,
HONGKONG OLD VOLUMES SOCIETY.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [545b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed:

- 1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th March instant, and confirmed on the 27th March instant, the Sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.
- 2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company, be called up, and that a CALL be made hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.
And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the rate of \$12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 2nd day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.
By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON ROOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [403b]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on the 4th day of May, 1900, at 12 Noon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS which were passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held on the 18th day of April, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of \$50 each.
- 2.—That such New Shares be issued at a Premium of \$25 per Share and be allotted to the Shareholders of the Company in the proportion of One New Share for every Two Shares now held by them.
- 3.—That the Amount due for the New Shares be called up as follows, viz:—
\$25 per Share on the 1st July, 1900, to rank for Six Months Dividend out of the Profits of the Year 1900, and the October, 1900, \$25 per Share on the 1st July, 1900.

Dated the 18th day of April, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
599b]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 812 of 8 SHARES of the Company, numbered 3414, 13421, in the name of WILLIAM MONARCH BURNSIDE ARTHUR, of Hongkong, having been Lost, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the date hereof and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [474b]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on the 3rd day of March, 1900, and which Call has not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.
Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per share will be charged on all Overdue Calls.
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [506b]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the year 1899 has been declared.
Warrants will be issued on the 1st May.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b]

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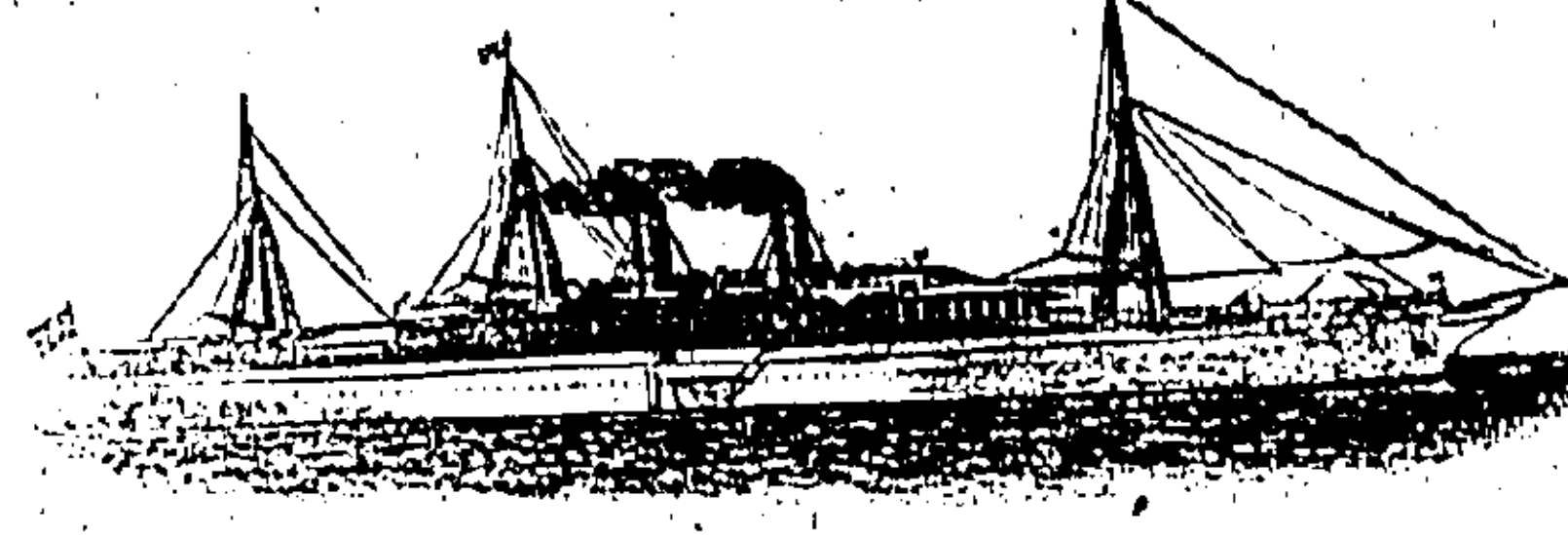
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Hongkong, 15th April, 1900.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [528]

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1900.

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TAMBA MARU J. W. Wale	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 4th May, at Daylight.
*HIZUMI MARU M. J. Currow	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 7th May, at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU W. Bainbridge	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 10th May, at 4 P.M.
SANUKI MARU W. Townsend	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 18th May, at Daylight.
KASUGA MARU E. W. Haswell	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 25th May, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
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*KONIGSBERG Christiansen	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	8th May, Freight and Passage.
BAMBERG Jacobs	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	24th May, Freight.
*SARNIA Fuchs	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 6th June, Freight and Passage.
SAMBA G. Schmitt	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 20th June, Freight.
AMIRIA Burmester	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 27th June, Freight.

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HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.

NIYON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 26th June, at Noon.

THE Steamship "HONGKONG MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 8th May, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1900.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship "CHINA," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 15th May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. T. SKOTTOWE,
Land, Estate, and General Commission Agents,
Tientsin, North China.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [466b]

Notice of Firm.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE CO. NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS for the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.
HOTZ, STACOB & CO.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [422b]

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

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SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1899. [130]

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [131]

Consignees.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA. NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1900. [17]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O.-S.N. Co.'s Steamship

"COROMANDEL," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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